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Rate Setting Letter for FY2014

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Dear Public Water Supplier:

We are writing to advise you of the following information.

- Bills for the Massachusetts Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Assessment for Fiscal Year 2013 will be mailed to all public water systems in December 2012. This bill is based on water use reported for calendar year 2010.
- The rate structure for FY 2014 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014) has been set and is listed below. The rates for FY 2014 remain the same as they have been for several years. The Assessment makes up the difference between the cost of administering the Safe Drinking Water Act in Massachusetts and the funds available through federal grant and state appropriation.
- **Today's notice is provided so that you can plan for the Assessment in your budget. The bill for FY 2014 will be mailed to you in December 2013.** Please forward this notice to the person who is responsible for paying the bills for your public water system.

The rates for FY 2014, based on water use reported for calendar year 2011, are:

- \$8.50 per million gallons used by systems with master meters;
- The minimum bill for systems with master meters is \$20.00;
- For unmetered systems serving 900+ people, the rate is 3 times the figure obtained by multiplying \$8.50 by an estimated gallons used by those systems (the estimate is based on an average of water use at metered systems);
- flat rate of \$250 for non-metered systems serving 201 through 899;
- flat rate of \$100 for non-metered systems serving 101 through 200; and
- flat rate of \$50 for non-metered systems serving up to 101.

The Safe Drinking Water Act Advisory Committee is mandated by the Legislature to monitor the Assessment Program. The committee holds public meetings at least quarterly and submits an Annual Report to the Massachusetts Legislature.

Thanks to all of you, MassDEP's Drinking Water Program has continued to provide better services in many areas in the past year through the support of the Assessment. Please contact Kathy Romero of MassDEP's Drinking Water Program at 617-292-5727 or kathleen.romero@state.ma.us if you have any questions or would like to receive information about upcoming committee meetings.

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